

REGARDING THE ISSUES OVER TELEVISION CENSORSHIP BECAUSE OF THE HALFTIME SHOW:

I HAVE HEARD THAT YOU ARE GOING TO SET UP ELEMENTS TO DELAY LIVE TELEVISION. I BELIEVE THIS IS A GOOD THING. THERE IS NO NEED FOR ANOTHER HALFTIME SHOW LIKE DISASTER OR ANOTHER 9/11 DISASTER WITH ACCIDENTAL FOOTAGE OF INNOCENT PEOPLE DYING.

BUT I HAVE ALSO HEARD THAT YOU ARE GOING TO TARGET HBO AND OTHER "PAY" CHANNELS THAT ARE NOT "BASIC" CABLE. NOW I BELIEVE BASIC CABLE IS GETTING OUT OF HAND WITH THE SOUTH PARK SHOWS AND THE UNEDITED VIOLENCE ON MOST OF THE CHANNELS NOW (WHEN DID IT BECOME LEGAL TO ONLY EDIT CURSE WORDS BUT NOT TO EDIT DECAPITATIONS AND STABBINGS IN MOVIES ON THE USA NETWORK?), BUT HBO, SHOWTIME, CINEMAX AND OTHERS ARE ALL PAYED FOR BY THE CUSTOMER TO WATCH UNEDITED MOVIES LIKE AS IF YOU WERE AT THE MOVIE THEATER i.e. Home Box Office (HBO). I ASK THAT YOU NOT CENSOR THESE CHANNELS BUT MAYBE BRING BACK THE IDEA OF "PRIMETIME". I HAVE NOTICED THAT YOU CAN SEE ANY MOVIE ,NO MATTER WHAT THE RATING, ON HBO AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY. THAT MEANS NUDITY AND VIOLENCE FOR THE KIDS WHO JUST GOT HOME AFTER SCHOOL AND THEIR PARENTS ARE NOT HOME YET FROM WORK TO SUPERVISE THE CONTENT OF A WATCHED PROGRAM. THAT IS REALLY MY PROBLEM. AFTER 8 OR 9 O'CLOCK MOST PARENTS ARE HOME TO MAKE THE DECISION OF WHAT TO WATCH AND THAT IS HOW IT SHOULD BE.

I WISH WE COULD REGAIN THE CONTROLS OF THE TELEVISION WITHOUT GOING TOO FAR OUT INTO THE WATERS OF CENSORSHIP AND TURNING A BLIND EYE TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH. THERE HAS GOT TO BE A MIDDLE GROUND THAT MOST CAN STAND ON.